

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Investment in infrastructure is an ongoing process. There is, however, no joint plan of Ministry of Civil Aviation with the Ministry of Railways in building the infrastructure over the next five years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Delay in AI-188 flight

2111. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a broken pipe was found in the toilet of aircraft on AI-188 flight which took off from Toronto airport on the 18th September, 2006 and had to return to Toronto after an hour flight as a result thereof;

(b) if so, whether the incident has been probed; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) A cylindrical packet (5" long and 1" Diameter) with some engineering tools was found in the toilet of the said aircraft after departure of flight AI-188 from Toronto on 18.09.2006. After the incident, an investigation was initiated by Peel Regional Police (Toronto). Air India had also conducted an 'on the spot' enquiry into the incident. The primary enquiry by the Security Manager, Air India, New York indicated lapse on the part of 2 employees of M/s. Garda's (Security Agency) who had carried out security checks on that flight in Toronto. Till the investigations are completed, M/s. Garda (Security Agency) has been asked to ensure non-deployment of the above employees on Air India flights. Air India had also given them notice for invoking the penal provisions in the contract for handling of Air India flights. In response, the said agency has given notice for termination of the contract.

Promotion of regional airlines

2112. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to promote regional airlines, Government are